



**JOSEPHINE COUNTY / CITY OF GRANTS PASS
SOLID WASTE AGENCY
MEETING MINUTES
October 18, 2016**

Meeting convened at 3:05 P.M.

Agency Board Members Present:

Rob Brandes
Lora Glover
Rick Riker
Mike Bollweg

Agency Board Members Absent:

Connie Roach
Dave Reeves
Brad Carlson

Others: Shea Sigafous, Recycling Coordinator, Southern Oregon Sanitation
Trent Carpenter, Operations manager, Southern Oregon Sanitation
Dave Marland, Master Recycler
Craig Filip, DEQ, Solid Waste Reduction Analyst
Jeff Reed, Republic Services, Operations Manager

Staff: Jason Canady, Operations Officer
Linda Gay, Minute Recorder

Rob Brandes called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m. There was not a quorum to vote on financial matters, but a quorum to approve minutes, so the meeting proceeded.

1. Approval of minutes from August 16, 2016 meetings.

Lora Glover made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from August 16, 2016.
Rick Riker seconded the motion. Motion approved 4-0.

2. Opportunity to Recycle reporting to DEQ – Craig Filip

Craig explained that since Senate Bill 263 passed in 2015, it created some significant changes to the Recycling Opportunity Act. These changes affect all cities that have Alternative Recycling Programs, such as Grants Pass. DEQ would like all these cities that currently have Alternative Recycling Programs to review and/or reapply, or to comply with the new DEQ rules that will go into effect January 2018.

Craig described the City's Alternative Recycling Program as being a recycling program agreement between the City of Grants Pass and Josephine County, the UGB area. The City Manager, at that time, created the Program on August 23, 2002 with the Wasteshed Representative. It is still in effect now and Craig stated that the Alternative Recycling Program does not expire and the only way to opt out of the program is by a letter to DEQ or some change to the program where it is no longer working for either partner. DEQ is changing the rules and regulations and that will now void the current Alternative Recycling Program.

New rules are being written by DEQ for the Recycling Opportunity Act and the rules will go into effect January 2018. The City's current Alternative Recycling Program has certain criteria that need to be met in order to participate and they are:

1. Provide a durable container for recycling collection.
2. Provide on route residential co-mingled curbside collection (without glass), and a list of specific items.
3. Provide on route collection of used motor oil.
4. Provide an expanded recycling education and promotion program.
5. Provide public depots with convenient hours for principal recyclable materials.

Initially the Alternative Recycling Program was created to remove glass from curbside recycling, for safety precautions and possibly contaminating the rest of the recyclables.

Trent from Republic Services stated that it would be a good idea that a sub group be created consisting of representatives from the Solid Waste Agency and waste haulers to review and facilitate the list of new rules that will be issued by DEQ. The sub group could make suggestions if it would be better to follow DEQ rules or develop a new Alternative Recycling Program.

Craig stated that DEQ will be requesting a letter from the City and Josephine County Wasteshed as to what program if any, they would like to institute for the future. The DEQ rules and regulations will be available on the website soon. Craig further stated the City Alternative Program currently is more restrictive than the new DEQ rules and regulations.

Presently, the City and Wasteshed has received a conditional approval to both City and County Opportunity to Recycle reports. A conditional approval was issued because one of the collection agencies is out of compliance with the current

Alternative Recycling Program. Republic Services does not have public access point for used motor oil and it specifically states that in the Alternative Program.

3. Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Event Presentation – Shea Sigafous

Shea provided a handout of her presentation on the Household Hazardous Waste Event held on September 16th for commercial and residential on the 17th in Grants Pass at Southern Oregon Sanitation located on Redwood Avenue. Several sponsors of the event were; Southern Oregon Sanitation, Republic Services, the Solid Waste Agency, Rogue Disposal, and Recology of Ashland. The Solid Waste Agency previously agreed and approved to pay for each car participating in the event, at a cost of \$5 per car, so with 564 vehicles entering the facility the total for all vehicles was \$2,820.00. By keeping the event free for participants, it helped keep toxic items out of streams and other locations in our forests and landfill. About 61% of people that participated in the event heard about the event through a newspaper advertisement. Others were aware of the event via websites, flyers in billings, and phone calls to the offices.

Clean Harbors company was hired to facilitate the event and dispose of the hazardous waste material. The event went smoothly and there was only a short wait for patrons to dispose of their hazardous waste. Employees also were passing out around 400 Reusable bags, which had been purchased by the Solid Waste Agency last year to help promote recycling. Among some of the recycling items were approximately 6,240 fluorescent bulbs. A Re-use Table was set up at the event that held items no longer needed by one person but wanted by someone else. This table was a great idea because it helped keep items from going to the landfill and the expense of then disposing them. The table held several varying items. Employees had consumers sign waivers before any toxic materials left the premises.

Jackson County holds the HHW event once a year, same as Grants Pass, so they alternate times for the event so people in the Rogue Valley do not have to wait more than six months to dispose of their HHW items. The majority of participants for this event were from Josephine County.

Shea entertained the idea of a new location for the event next year. It is hard to maneuver cars through Southern Oregon Sanitation's business site on Redwood Avenue and simultaneously have a HHW event. This event has been going on since 2009.

Craig, from DEQ, said that one of the HHW events that he attended in another city had Sharps Containers for disposal of needles. In addition, that city did a drug take back during the same time and collected an almost full trash bucket. He thought it was a great event added to HHW and helped keep pills from going into the sewage system or landfill. Craig also mentioned that some cities were planning to partner with E-cycles to dispose of phones and electronic items. Craig presented some great suggestions for the next Household Hazardous Event.

4. Cave Junction Fall Tire Event , canceled – Mike Bollweg

Mike stated he would like to continue to have the tire event, but it is hard to obtain dependable work volunteers to help load two trailers of tires. Craig, from DEQ did mention that there is grant program for recycling events as long as the tires are going toward energy recovery instead of disposal. Mike stated that the tires are being recycled for fuel and have gone towards rebuilding a composite track up in Washington.

Rick Riker questioned if for a fee the Community Corrections department was available to load tires. Rob Brandes stated the cost to use the Corrections crew is \$375/day. Other suggestions might be to hire a football team using donations as a fundraiser for the school.

Mike stated he will look into all options available but would still like to host the Fall Tire Event.

5. Kerby Landfill Project Update – Rob Brandes

Rob stated there is not much of an update regarding the Kerby Landfill Project. Jeff from Republic Services, the hauler of Biosolids that will be mixed with soil and applied to the Kerby Landfill Cap, asked Jason if the City of Grants Pass' solids are Class B yet. Jason informed him that because of the wording in the City of Grants Pass' Biosolids Management Plan, it states that the City would need to apply for a new permit from DEQ. Therefore, it does not appear as though the City will have the right class of Biosolids to go to the Landfill.

6. Other Business

Funding Request- Jason Canady

Jason presented Josephine County Parks' reimbursement request for the Rogue River Cleanup Event and he had a few questions on the itemized receipts. Jason questioned some of the expenses, such as, tables, chairs and other sundry items. Jason's concern was that these items were reusable and not specifically event related and he wanted to bring it to the attention of the Board. The itemized receipts have been requested by the Solid Waste Agency for all reimbursements. The consensus of the Board was that they were happy with having so much community involvement and they would like to continue with these types of events.

Jason mentioned that he would like to present a new policy at next meeting to reintroduce funding requests once they have been approved and now are requesting reimbursement. Therefore, the Board would approve and be conscious of the actual expenditure after the project. The idea is to make it better for budget tracking and auditing.

Recycle bags – Shea Sigafous

Shea stated that over 400 Reusable bags went to patrons at the HHW event. Shea said when Republic Services, or Southern Oregon Sanitation have educational events they like to pass them out at those events too. They are running low on the bags and were hoping the Solid Waste Agency would consider purchasing more for

handing out at events. The Board was in favor and encouraged Shea to gather information for a quote.

Street Plug Indian Creek Rd – Rob Brandes

Rob presented an email from a citizen stating that the County owned street plug on Indian Creek Road is accumulating stripped cars, batteries, rotting oil pans, RV trailers, refrigerators and other such debris. This plug is only 15' away from Indian Creek and during the rains water flows through the plug to Indian Creek. Rob would like to present a funding request to the Board to have that cleaned up, so there will be no possibility of waste flowing to the creek. Rob stated that once it is cleaned up, the County might consider selling it to the adjacent property owner to alleviate any future dumpsite problems. The Board would be receptive to a Funding Request being submitted once the street plug is cleaned.

Septic Repairs – Craig Filip

Craig was aware of Josephine County Parks department and their failing sewer issue at the campsites at Schroeder Park. Craig stated that DEQ has a revolving loan program to help with finance and repairs of septic systems for residences and small businesses. The program is new and put up on the DEQ website at the end of September 2016.

The link is: <http://www.oregon.gov/newsroom/Pages/NewsDetail.aspx?newsid=1372> for more information.

Introduction to Operations Manager of Republic Services – Jeff Reed

Jeff wanted to introduce himself to the Solid Waste Agency since he is the new Operations Manager for Republic Services. Jeff has been in the valley for 40 years and worked for Grange Co-op the last four years. He has also worked at PODS Company and Medford Fabrication. He has been a long time resident and is happy working at Republic Services.

7. Agenda building for next meeting – November 15, 2016

1. Cave Junction Fall Tire Event ? – Mike Bollweg
2. Revised Financial Policies Procedures – Jason Canady
3. Kerby Landfill Project Update

Adjourn 4:17 p.m.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Fall leaf event subscription service – November 1-December 16

Cave Junction Tire Event – TBA